

GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES

A Tele-Conference Meeting of the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Practical Nurses was held on March 27, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 310 of the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon Georgia.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jane Harte, LPN, **President**
Barbara Mitchell, RN, **Vice President**
Vicky Mack, RN, Education Member
Judy Hilliard, LPN
Jacqueline Dumas, LPN
LeAnn Tuggle, Consumer Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mary Lynn Owensby, LPN

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Terralyn Gordon, Board Secretary
Serena Gadson, Application Specialist II
Marcia Stevens, Nursing Consultant

ABSENT:

Janet Jackson, AAG

President Harte established that a quorum was present and called the Board tele-conference meeting to order at 10:05a.m.

Agenda: Ms. Dumas moved, Ms. Tuggle seconded, and the Board approved the Agenda as amended to include the late agenda items.

Correspondence:

Brenda Holman, Program Director, Gadsden State University, Gadsden Alabama, requested the Board's opinion regarding the University's practical nursing program student's use of clinical sites in Georgia.

Board Response: There is nothing in the Board's rules, policies or Practice Act to prohibit another state from seeking out and utilizing clinical sites in Georgia.

Ms. Mack, Board Member, requested clarification from the Board with regard to any requirements in place by the Board that an RN *only* teach AHS 101, 102, 103, 104 and 109?

Board Response: A licensed RN is not required to teach AHS 101,109 103 and 104, if there is documented evidence of the education and experience of the instructor who does teach these course. AHS 102 is the one exception, which would require a licensed RN or Pharmacist to teach.

Complaint Process Update:

Mr. Zimmerman updated the Board on the progress of ongoing changes to how staff will coordinate the complaint process administratively. Staff will be more proactive in seeking all information available form a complainant before submitting to Investigations for action.

Ms. Hilliard moved and Ms. Dumas seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-2(k)(1), (2) and (4); §43-1-19(h)(2), (3) and (4) and O.C.G.A. §43-1-19(h); 50-14-2(1) to deliberate on, and receive information on, Nursing Program's Status and Board Rules, Nursing Education Consultant Report and Applications. Voting in favor of the motion were Ms. Mitchell, Ms. Harte, Ms. Dumas, Ms. Mack, Ms. Tuggle and Ms. Hilliard. The Board concluded executive session in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

Sub-Committee Report to Board:

Recommendations on Board rule 400-3-.03, Approved Nursing Programs and "status" changes due to unacceptable passage rates for first time NCLEX-PN exam takers was presented to the Board by the Sub-Committee.

Ms. Mack moved and Ms. Hilliard seconded and the Board voted to accept the sub-committees recommendations as presented above.

Nursing Education Consultant Report:

Faculty member determined by the Board as not meeting the requirements set forth by Board rules; mitigating circumstances.

Ms. Mitchell moved, Ms. Tuggle seconded and the Board voted to request that the program submit a "Petition for Waiver" of a Board rule for the Board to consider at their next scheduled meeting following the mandatory posting time of Petitions.

Applications:

Ms. Mitchell moved and Ms. Tuggle seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on application for licensure by Reinstatement:

T.H.	Decision stands; issue with consent agreement for unlicensed practice
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President Harte inquired as to any unfinished business, determining none; the meeting was adjourned at 10:35a.m.

Minutes Recorded/Reviewed By:

Terralyn Gordon, Board Secretary

(Date) _____

Jane Harte, President

(Date) _____

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

These minutes were signed and approved on _____.